REPORT SUSPECTED MEDICARE FRAUD AT 877-272-8720

## Healthcare Fraud Alert

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LOUISIANA Senior Medicare Patrol, The Louisiana Attorney General and the US Department of Health and Human Services want you to protect yourself from possible Medicare fraud.

Seniors throughout Louisiana have called SMP in the last few weeks reporting that they have received a call from the 409 area code. The caller has a strong accent and he/she claims to be working with Medicare and that Medicare is getting ready to send out new Medicare cards. The caller wants to confirm the senior's information and asks for a Medicare number, social security number, bank routing number or other personal information. THIS IS A SCAM! Medicare is not sending out new cards.

<u>Remember</u>: Neither Medicare nor Social Security will call you at home to discuss your Medicare benefits or verify personal information. It is not necessary to renew your Medicare benefits. Never give personal information to unknown persons that call you on the phone. Contact Louisiana SMP at 877-272-8720 for more details.

This alert has been brought to you by the Office of the Louisiana Attorney General, Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Inspector General and Louisiana SMP.

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